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THANK YOU FOR THIS RESPONSE.

HAVING OWNED A COMPUTOR STORE, I FEEL I CAN ADD QUALIFIED OBJECTIVE
STATEMENTS.

1. SCHOOLS ARE HAVING TO SPEND ALOT OF MONEY REPLACING HARDWARE AS WELL
AS SOFTWARE BECAUSE OF A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO "OUTDATE" ! ! IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE ALL NEW VERSIONS OF SOFTWARE SHOULD BE TRULY BACKWARDS
COMPATIBLE AND ALSO TECH SUPPORT SHOULD BE CONTINUED FOR THAT SOFT WARE
FOR ATLEAST 5 YEARS REGARDLESS.

2. OPERATING SYSTEMS SHOULD BE (& CAN BE) LIMITED TO COMING OUT ONLY
EVERY 5 YEARS ALSO SO A STUDENT GETTIN OUT OF SCHOOL WILL ONLY BE ABOUT
ONE VERSION BEHIND WHEN HE GOES OUT IN INDUSTRY.

3: PROGRAM SIZES SHOULD BE CAPPED SO THAT WE DON'T FILL UP THE LANDFILLS AS
FAST WITH OLD PARTS.

4. Hard ware suppliers should be REQUIRED to take back old boards to help keep the acids, resins, and
metals out of the landfills.

5. last YES, THE WHOLE IDEA OF AN OPERATING SYSTEM IS TO ALLOW OTHERS ACCESS
TO THAT CODE WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE MORE COMPANIES TO GROW AND DEVELOPE
NEW SOFTWARE. THIS HAS TO BE A RESTRAINT OF TRADE AND NO DOUBT A
MONOPOLY WHEN ALL "PACKAGED TOGETHER" AND ONLY IF YOU PLAY BALL DOES
YOUR DRIVERS GET INCLUDED.

6. YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE IT YET BUT WITH THE SAME MAN OWNING THE MAIN TWO
OPERATING SYSTEMS. NO ONE EVEN CARES. THE WAY YOU HAVE ALLOWED APPLE TO
WORK. EITHER WAY YOU GO BILL GATES OR HIS FRIENDS WIN ! ! !

TO ALLOW FREE INTERPRISE TO GROW IN THE COMPUTOR INDUSTRY LIKE IT DID YEARS
AGO - - - MICROSOFT MUST BE DIVIDED.

RESPECTFULLY

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I KNOW IT'S A TOUGH DECISION BUT IT TRULY IS A PLAY ME NOW OR REALLY PAY ME
LATER.

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